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TO: Chief of Station, Melbourne

INFO.:

FROM: Chief, Far East Division

SUBJECT: SQUIB/Request For Release of Warren Commission Document

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

1. WOFIRM has been requested by an Australian newspaper editor (Attachment A) to release the Warren Commission Document 971 (CD 971 is Attachment B) which relates to anonymous telephone calls to the Canberra Embassy at the time of the assassination of President Kennedy. His request was turned down. As you probably know, there has been mounting public pressure to release classified documents of the Warren Commission. While no decision has been made to declassify CD 971, it is highly possible we will be asked to do so in the near future by National Archives, which has official custody of the documents, or by some higher authority.

2. Melbourne Station is requested to discuss Paragraph One above with SQUIB/1 afterhis return to Australia. The SQUIB service is mentioned in Paragraph 4 of CD 971 and release of the document is certain to provoke questions in Australia. Since CD 971 is a U. S. Government document we need not (and should not) request SQUIB concurrence for release of the document. He should be informed, however, that release of CD 971 to the public domain is presently under consideration; that the United States Navy has no objections; and that we are giving him advance notice as a matter of courtesy. Any views volunteered by SQUIB/1 regarding this release should be reported promptly to Headquarters.

Charles A. RAMBO

Attachments:
A. Letter, u/s/c
B. CD 971, u/s/c

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2 - COS, Melbourne w/atts u/s/c

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